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Carlsbad Field Office
Carlsbad, New Mexico 88221


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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: CBFO:AMO:HJ:KJB:06-0505:UFC5486
SUBJECT: Review of Quality Assurance (QA) Plans for National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Documents
TO: John Spitaleri Shaw, Assistant Secretary for Environment, Safety and Health

This replies to your memorandum dated January 10, 2006 seeking confirmation that NEPA QA plans are in place for the Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO), as required by DOE Order 451.1B.5(a)(3) and information about project specific QA plans that are recommended by the 1996 *National Environmental Policy Act Contracting Reform Guidance* and the model statement of work that is available from the EH NEPA web site.

Specifically in reply to your request for information:

- 1) The CBFO's NEPA QA plan was approved in March 1997. Since the CBFO delegation of NEPA approval authority came from the Albuquerque Operations Office before CBFO was designated a Field Office, it has been operating pursuant to the Albuquerque Operations Office NEPA QA plan. CBFO NEPA documents are also subject to the requirements of the CBFO Quality Assurance Program Description (QAPD), which is applicable to all CBFO activities. CBFO is currently in the process of revising its NEPA plan to reflect the fact that CBFO is now a Field Office and to reference the applicability of the QAPD to NEPA activities.
- 2) CBFO has no currently ongoing Environmental Impact Statements or Environmental Assessments. In the past CBFO has required, as part of the established procurement process, that a project-specific QA plan be prepared for Environmental Impact Statements, Environmental Assessments, and Supplement Analyses.

If you have any questions about the information supplied here you may contact Harold Johnson, the CBFO NEPA Compliance Officer, (505)234-7349.


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